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John,

In my notes from the Jan 26th meeting we discussed the necessity of NSF approved bentonite materials. Where are you guys on this issue?

We are not necessarily committed to NSF approving bentonite so long as it is a processed product that is bagged and shipped, labeled for use in water well sealing, and is of suitable chemical and mineral makeup providing swelling characteristics when hydrated. The Teague products in eastern Oregon have been proven to be acceptable and they are not NSF approved. The representative from teague Mineral said that they would be required to send NSF a small bag of bentonite and many thousands of dollars for their endorsement annually. This does not seem reasonable to me if the product is working consistently.

Thanks
Brett McCarty